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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/760,199	SILVERBROOK ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Carlos A. Martinez	2853

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**Period for Reply**

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5,7-10,12-46,48 and 49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-5,7-10, and 12-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 32,33,38-40,42-44 and 49 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 21-31,34-37,41,45,46 and 48 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 July 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                           | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Terminal Disclaimer***

The terminal disclaimer filed on 12/04/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on Application Number 10/760251 and 10/760230 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claims 21-46 and 48-49 are objected to because of the following informalities: “A self-threading printer as claimed in claim 1” is an improper reference to claim 1 [note: change to “The self-threading printer as claimed in claim 1”]. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 32, 33, 38, 39, 40, 42-44, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 32 and 33, the statutory category of the invention that is being claimed is indistinct because the preamble of the claims – which states “A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1” – suggest to render the claims as directed towards an apparatus; however, as the

claim then further continues, the phraseology utilized such as “adapted for use with …” or “for use” would suggest that applicant is seeking to render the claims as being directed towards the structure/elements of the environment that the applicant desires to use a self threading printer in, instead of providing further limitation to the parent claim which is structure/elements of the self threading printer.

In claim 38, 39, 40, 42-44, and 49, the statutory category of the invention that is being claimed is indistinct because the preamble of the claims – which states “A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1” – suggest to render the claims as directed towards an apparatus; however, the claims then further continue, the phraseology utilized such as “a method comprising the steps of” and the series of method steps recited in the respective body of the claim would suggest that applicant is seeking to render the claims as being directed towards a method claim, instead of providing further limitation to the parent claim which sets forth structure/elements of the self threading printer.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claim 1 is allowed.

Claim 1 is allowable over the art of record because the prior art does not teach a wallpaper printer that has a well, external to the cabinet and adjacent to a printed media dispensing slot; the well having at each end, spindles for aligning, retaining and removing a core, at least one spindle being motorized to rotate the core.

***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Martinez whose telephone number is (571) 272-8349. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, STEPHEN D. MEIER can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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